

THE PENSION POLICY

Of the Administration Causes Renewed Contentions,

LOCHREN IGNORING THE NEW LAW

Requiring Him to Give Thirty Days' Notice Before Suspending a Pensioner—Demand for an Investigation—Representative Pickler's Bill Requiring the Files to Be Opened to Applicants and Their Attorneys Raise Another Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—There have been two or three meetings of the committee on invalid pensions lately at which the discussions have waxed to a very high heat.

In one form or another the policy of the pension bureau in suspending pensioners underlies the most of the contention. When the proviso was inserted in a deficiency bill last September that a pension should be a vested right to the extent that it could not be suspended or taken away without thirty days' notice to the pensioners and information of the nature of the charge against him, the principal bone of contention was thought to have been removed.

This legislation was inserted in the bill at the suggestion of the chairman of the committee, Representative Martin, an Indiana Democrat, although it had previously been urged by Republicans on the floor of the house. Charges are now being brought forward by Republican members that the commissioner of pensions is ignoring the act of last December. Specific cases were called to the attention of the house by Representative Tawney, of Minnesota, in a resolution of inquiry regarding the construction placed upon the law by the interior department. Chairman Martin, of the committee, has intimated that if these charges can be sustained an iron clad resolution or act which would force the department to carry out the views of Congress in its policy, should be passed.

Another pension question to come before the house will be raised over the action of the committee in voting yesterday to make an unfavorable report of the bill of Representative Pickler, of South Dakota, to throw open the files of the pension bureau to pensioners, applicants and their attorneys. Members of the committee who are supposed to be in touch with the bureau opposed the proposed innovation on the ground that it would make much additional work for the pension office clerks and create confusion among the files. Mr. Pickler, on the other hand, argues that applicants or pensioners should in justice be permitted to review all the evidence against them in possession of the authorities and not be left to fight in the dark. A minority report in support of the plan will be presented to the house, so that the lines for battle will be sharply drawn.

JUDGE LONG'S CASE.

The Injunction Granted but Judge Cox's Decision in the Main Against Him.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Judge Cox, of the district supreme court, today granted the injunction asked for by Judge Charles D. Long, of the Michigan supreme court, to restrain Commissioner of Pensions L. C. Long from reducing his pension from \$72 to \$50 a month, as the commissioner announced he would do.

While Judge Long is granted an injunction the opinion of Judge Cox on the whole appears adverse to him. The injunction granted is given on technical grounds, the judge stating that he is of opinion that the commissioner of pensions has not given the actual thirty days' notice of suspension or reduction of pension required by the act of December 21, 1893. On one of the main questions in issue, viz: the power of the commissioner of pensions to review and revise the action and ruling of his predecessor, the decision is in favor of Commissioner Lochren, Judge Cox ruling that Commissioner Lochren has this power.

CONSUL J. B. TANEY

Reports That American Flour Shipped to Europe is Degrading in Quality.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The United States consul at Belfast, Ireland, reporting upon the American flour trade with that section, points to a serious danger arising from a conviction that the American standards are degrading. He cites complaints that the American millers are sacrificing quality to quantity in their new patents. Indian wheat promises to be a formidable opponent to the American staple, and it behooves American millers to keep up their standards to the highest point. There is also complaint that the flour is not properly sacked, and is thus damaged. The consul also mentions great delays in receiving shipments, and suggests a federal statute to make the original carriers' responsibility extend to the last carrier. The consul at Liverpool makes a similar complaint as to the falling off of standards, and warns American millers against sending their goods on consignment instead of holding them until sales are effected.

GERMAN APPRECIATION

Of the Excellence of the United States Exhibit of Its Postal Service.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Postmaster General Bissell has received a letter from Von Stephen, secretary of state for the postoffice department of Germany, complimenting the department on its exhibits at the World's Fair. The department has been asked to secure models of the dog team used for carrying mail over the snow in Michigan and the old Rocky Mountain stage coach. Both of these were exhibited at the fair. The models are wanted for exhibition in Germany's postal museum. The postmaster general will probably grant the request asked. The models will be paid for by the German government. Models of two United States railway postal cars were sent to Germany by the department two years ago. They cost that country \$1,000 each.

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BREWER'S DECISIONS

Touching the Right of Strikers to Employ Force—When They Are in Contempt.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The opinions of Justice Brewer, which Representative Somers, of Wisconsin, would have investigated, resolutions to which effect he introduced yesterday, were both in cases of strikers who were accused of interfering with railroad property in the hands of receivers. Two of them, Edward Doolittle and William Schnauker, were arrested for interfering with the moving of cars on the Wabash, St. Louis & Pacific at Hannibal, Mo., in 1885, and were brought before Justice Brewer for contempt of court, for which he punished them. The decision of Justice Brewer is thus summarized in the federal reports:

"Where the employees of a railroad company whose property is in the custody of this court, by concert of action quit work and take possession of, and obstruct the operation of engines or cars on the tracks of said company, and while so doing also take possession of or obstruct the operation of engines or cars in the custody of receivers of this court, it is the right and duty of court to punish such as contempt of its authority. If a party engaged in lawful undertaking, unintentionally interferes with or obstructs the officers of this court in the discharge of their duties the court is not tenacious of its prerogative, but it is otherwise where parties, while engaged in an unlawful act, obstruct the officers although intending no contempt.

"This court is open to hear any just ground of complaint against its receivers. Employees of the receivers may present their grievances and the court will instruct its officers in the premises. For this reason the court will be prompt to punish men who interfere with its receivers in the custody and control of property.

"A simple request to do or not to do a thing made by one or more of a body of strikers under circumstances calculated to convey a threatening intimation with a design to hinder or obstruct employees in the performance of their duties is not less obnoxious than the use of physical force. A request under such circumstances is a direct threat and will be punished as such."

The other case was that of railroad men in Colorado brought before Justice Brewer on similar charges in the same year.

The Federal Reporter gives its opinion as follows: "Where employees of a railroad company that is in the hands of a receiver appointed by the court are dissatisfied with the wages paid they may abandon the employment and by persuasion, or argument induce other employees to do the same, but if they resort to threats or violence to induce others to leave, or accomplish their purpose without actual violence by over-awing the others by preconcerted demonstrations of force, and thus prevent the receiver from operating the road, they are guilty of contempt of court."

CORBETT ON TRIAL

At Jacksonville for Prize Fighting—His Case Will Decide all the Others.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., Feb. 23.—The criminal court convened this morning for the trial of Corbett and Mitchell. The street around the court was crowded with spectators anxious to see the pugilists. Corbett was first to arrive, and was soon followed by Mitchell. Besides the boxers there are arraigned for trial, Joe Vendig, J. E. T. Bowden, Harry Mason, Chas. E. Richardson, Lon Seihler, R. H. McMillan and B. F. Blake, of the Duval Athletic club, and Billy Thompson and Wm. A. Brady as abettors. The trial of Corbett was first begun and the result of this will decide the other cases. The champion is charged with engaging in a fight and meeting in pursuance of previous agreement one Charles Mitchell, whom he did then and there beat, bruise, wound and ill-treat. John E. Hartridge, attorney of the club, waived arraignment and pleaded not guilty. Twenty witnesses were called and the entire morning was consumed in picking a jury, and at recess five had qualified, three white men and two negroes. The general impression is that although the trial will likely consume several days, the men eventually will be acquitted. Attorney General Lamar is present and will assist the prosecution.

MATCH HEADS AND VINEGAR.

Murderer Salyards Attempts to Cheat the Gallows by Committing Suicide.

CARLETON, MICH., Feb. 23.—Charles Salyards, who was sentenced to be hanged to-morrow for the murder of Policeman Martin, attempted to commit suicide this morning. Salyards was taken violently ill this morning, and when the jail physician was called he found that the condemned man had taken a mixture of match heads and vinegar.

There is little hope of saving Salyards' life, and his threats that he would eventually cheat the gallows seem to have been correct.

Wright Opposes It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—Commissioner Carroll D. Wright, of the bureau of labor, addressed the committee on labor concerning a bill introduced by Representative Doolittle, of Washington, to make the bureau a department of the governments with a head a cabinet officer. Delegates from the Knights of Labor and other organizations were interested listeners. The proposal to enlarge the scope of the labor bureau and the powers of the commissioner was opposed by Commissioner Wright.

Reducing the Census Force.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 23.—The approaching completion of the census work is causing a gradual depletion of the personnel of the bureau. The dismissal of thirty employees took effect today. This makes a total of 100 dismissals during February. The number of employees has been reduced to 900.

Murdered by Burglars.

CARLETON, MICH., Feb. 23.—Burglars entered the residence of Henry Gierman, treasurer of Exeter township, at midnight, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Gierman and shot Gierman twice, in the hand and leg. The robbers secured \$700, and escaped. They seemed to be well acquainted with Gierman and his household, as they knew when he collected the money and where he hid it. As yet there is no clue to the perpetrators.

Left the United Press.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—The Memphis Evening Seminar, the leading afternoon daily in Memphis, and one of the principal daily afternoon newspapers in the south, has abandoned the United Press report and has joined the Associated Press. The service will begin on March 1.

**Children Cry for
Pitcher's Castoria.**

FOURTEEN LIVES LOST.

Gloucester Mourns for a Crew of Brave Cape Ann Fishermen.

GLoucester, Mass., Feb. 23.—To-day brought the tidings of fourteen more brave Cape Ann fishermen sacrificed to the fury of the elements. Bells were tolling to-day for the lost. On November 23 the schooner Henrietta, under command of Dominique Pinelli, left port for a trip to the Banks. The next heard of the vessel was at Canoe, where on January 3 she rebalbed. Since then nothing has been seen of her by passing ships. She was probably overtaken by the memorable gale of February 12 and overwhelmed. She carried a crew of fourteen men as follows: Dominique Pinelli, Laramoni Gabriel, Desire Emille Poirier, Albert Johnson, John Reed, Albert Turner, Oliver Larson, Benjamin Delaney, Leon Bouveto, Paul Armstrong, Grimar Marrisen, Michael Boudret, Albert Dujay and Fred Harrison.

The steamer Resolute, which has just returned from a fishing trip, reports that Tracy Presson, William Ferguson, Alexander Stewart and Augustus Christensen, members of the crew, got astray from the vessel while attending trawls. A heavy gale came on and the men were drowned.

GROW'S PLURALITY.

The Official Figures are 188,391—Nearly 170,000 Majority Over All.

HARRISBURG, PA., Feb. 23.—The official vote of the state for congressman-at-large is: Grow, (Rep.), 489,360; (counting 450 votes cast for him as the representative of the "protective tariff party."); Hancock, Dem., 297,960; Morrow, Pro., 11,180; Marley, 2,823; Lotier, People's party, 5,327. Grow's plurality over Hancock is 188,394, and his majority over all candidates is 169,061.

BLODIN STILL ACTIVE.

At the Age of Seventy He Walks a Tight Rope, Carrying His Son Who Weighs 150 Pounds.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Blondin, the famous rope walker, is celebrating his seventieth birthday to-day and a reception was tendered him in the crystal palace, his venerable wife and their five children sharing in the honors of the day. During the reception Blondin walked a tight rope, carrying one of his children, who tips the beam at 150 pounds. He said that he expected to be still walking the rope when his eightieth birthday is reached.

Inspector of American Meats.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—At the meeting of the Farmers' League, Prof. Mueller and Herr Werner, director of the agricultural high school, denounced the manner in which American meats were inspected. They said that they base their judgment upon personal studies made in Chicago. It is probable that the government will take action upon the reports of Prof. Mueller and Director Werner.

Another Bomb Found.

PRAGUE, Feb. 23.—A glass pear-shaped bomb was found to-day outside the loan office. The bomb contained gunpowder and nails and had a half burned fuse attached to it.

Distinguished Singer Dead.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Madame Janet Monarch Patey, the distinguished contralto singer, died at Sheffield to-day.

An Aged Minister Dead.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—R. W. Patterson, one of the oldest and best known Presbyterian clergymen of Chicago, died at his home in Evanston to-day. He was the father of R. W. Patterson, of the Chicago Tribune, and has been an ordained minister for over fifty years.

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